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Serial No. 09/189,543

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WITH MICROSPHERES

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Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999 and U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, filed December 22, 2000.
2. U.S.S.N. 08/944, 850, filed October 6, 1997 and U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999.
3. U.S.S.N. 09/315,584, filed June 20, 1999 entitled "Encoding and Decoding of Array Sensors Utilizing Nanocrystals."
4. U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999; U.09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; and U.S.S.N. 09/606,369, filed June 28, 2000.
5. U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 14, 1997, now Patent Number 6,023,540 and U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998.
6. U.S.S.N. 08/851,203, filed May 5, 1997 and U.S.S.N. 09/187,289, filed November 5, 1998.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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